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SUBJECT: 144TH UNESCO EXECUTIVE BOARD ADOPTS RESOLUTION ON
RWANDA

1. AFTER A LENGTHY DEBATE MAY 4, THE 144TH EXECUTIVE BOARD OF UNESCO ADOPTED BY CONSENSUS A RESOLUTION ON RWANDA CALLING FOR THE DIRECTOR-GENERAL (A) TO CONSIDER CONCRETE WAYS TO HELP CHILDREN PURSUE THEIR EDUCATION UNDER CURRENT CIRCUMSTANCES, AND (B) TO CONDUCT AN IN-DEPTH STUDY, WITHIN
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UNESCO'S FIELD OF COMPETENCE, ON THE CAUSES OF, AND SOLUTIONS TO, THE RECURRENT AND DEVASTATING CONFLICTS IN THE REGION. THE TEXT OF THE RESOLUTION IS PROVIDED IN PARA. 3.

2. IN GENERAL, THE EXECUTIVE BOARD SUPPORTED THE ADOPTION OF A RESOLUTION, BUT A LONG DISCUSSION ENSUED OVER THE "HIGHLY EMOTIONAL" DRAFT PRESENTED BY THE COTE D'IVOIRE AND CO-SPONSORED BY 16 OTHER AFRICAN AND ARAB BOARD MEMBERS. MALI, BENIN, AND NIGER APPEALED TO THE BOARD TO ADOPT THE TEXT. EGYPT POINTED OUT THAT THE INITIAL TEXT IMPLIED THAT THE UN AND OTHER INTERNATIONAL AGENCIES HAD BEEN NEGLIGENT

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IN THEIR RESPONSE TO THE CONFLICT. EGYPT REMINDED THE BOARD THAT BOTH THE UNHCR AND OAU HAD MADE GREAT EFFORTS TO PROVIDE ASSISTANCE. FRANCE AND SPAIN STRESSED THAT THE RESOLUTION SHOULD FOCUS ON WHAT UNESCO COULD DO WITHIN ITS FIELDS OF COMPETENCE. DIRECTOR-GENERAL MAYOR RECALLED THAT HE HAD PROVIDED USD 100,000 TO THE SYG'S REPRESENTATIVE IN KIGALI FOR EMERGENCY ASSISTANCE TO RWANDANS. HE ALSO REPORTED THAT HE HAD DIRECTED THE UNESCO NAIROBI OFFICE TO PROVIDE EDUCATION KITS FOR RWANDAN TEACHERS AND STUDENTS. AFTER SEVERAL AMENDMENTS WERE PROPOSED DURING THE DEBATE, A CONSENSUS TEXT FINALLY EMERGED.

3. BEGIN TEXT:

HAVING LEARNED OF THE TRAGIC EVENTS TAKING PLACE IN RWANDA, DEEPLY DISTURBED BY THE SCOPE AND EXCEPTIONAL GRAVITY OF THE MASSACRES AFFECTING THE CIVILIAN POPULATION, IN PARTICULAR, CONSIDERING THAT, BEYOND THE HISTORICAL AND POLITICAL

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FACTORS, THESE EVENTS CALL FOR A SEARCHING DEBATE ON THEIR CAUSES AND AGGRAVATING FACTORS AND ON WAYS AND MEANS OF CREATING A CLIMATE OF TOLERANCE, MUTUAL UNDERSTANDING AND COEXISTANCE BETWEEN THE POPULATIONS CONCERNED,

APPEALS TO THE MEMBER STATES OF UNESCO TO PROVIDE MATERIAL ASSISTANCE TO THE VICTIMS OF THIS VIOLENCE, IN CO-OPERATION WITH THE COMPETENT HUMANITARIAN ORGANIZATIONS AND THE APPROPRIATE UNITED NATIONS AGENCIES,

NOTING WITH APPRECIATION THE STEPS ALREADY TAKEN BY THE DIRECTOR-GENERAL CONCERNING RWANDA,

INVITES THE DIRECTOR-GENERAL:

--TO ASCERTAIN THE DAMAGE TO EDUCATIONAL AND CULTURAL INSTITUTIONS AND PROPERTY IN THE COUNTRY AND TO DRAW UP, IN CO-OPERATION WITH THE RWANDAN AUTHORITIES AND INTERNATIONAL INTERGOVERNMENTAL AND NON-GOVERNMENTAL ORGANIZATIONS, A PROGRAMME OF PRACTICAL ASSISTANCE IN RESPECT OF SUCH INSTITUTIONS AND PROPERTY;

--TO CONSIDER AS A MATTER OF URGENCY CONCRETE WAYS IN WHICH UNESCO CAN HELP CHILDREN OF SCHOOL AGE, IN THEIR EDUCATION,

TO OVERCOME THE HARMFUL EFFECTS OF THE TRAGEDY TAKING PLACE
IN THAT COUNTRY;

-- TO CONDUCT AN IN-DEPTH STUDY, WITHIN UNESCO'S FIELDS OF UNCLASSIFIED
COMPETENCE, ON THE CAUSES OF, AND SOLUTIONS TO, THE
RECURRENT AND DEVASTATING CONFLICTS IN THE REGION;

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--TO ESTABLISH FOR THAT PURPOSE A WORKING GROUP OF
SPECIALISTS RECOGNIZED BOTH WITHIN AND OUTSIDE AFRICA;

--TO SUBMIT TO THE EXECUTIVE BOARD AT ITS 145TH SESSION THE
STATE OF IMPLEMENTATION OF THE ACTIVITIES INDICATED ABOVE.

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